


In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(c), Applicant has attached hereto a table of exemplary support for the claim amendments and the new claims. Applicant has also attached hereto an appendix showing the changes to the amended claims.

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**TABLE OF EXEMPLARY SUPPORT**

<b>Claims</b>	<b>Exemplary Support for Claim Amendments and New Claims</b>
84 and 127	See, e.g., Figs. 1A, 2, 3, 6, 10, and 11; col. 3, lines 6-11; col. 4, lines 23-26.
170 and 233	See, e.g., Figs. 1A, 10, and 11; col. 1, lines 65-67; col. 2, lines 10-17; col. 3, lines 60-67; col. 4, lines 10-14, 27-31.
201, 264, 332, 333, 334, and 335	See, e.g., Figs. 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, and 11; col. 1, lines 65-67; col. 4, lines 43-56.
91, 108, 109, 134, 151, 152, 172, 205, 219, 220, 227, 235, 268, 282, 283, 290, 305, 307, 317, 319, and 329	See, e.g., Figs. 1, 2, 3, 6-11; col. 1, lines 40-67; col. 2, lines 1-67; col. 3, lines 1-12, 43-67; col. 4, lines 1-67; col. 5, lines 1-67.

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## APPENDIX

84. (Amended) A brush comprising:

an elongate core [defining an axis of the brush];

bristles extending from said core, ends of said bristles defining an external surface of the brush; and

at least one notch on the external surface of the brush, the at least one notch comprising a front face and a back face, the back face being non-concave and asymmetric with respect to the front face,

wherein the front and back faces of the at least one notch intersect one another at a trough line, and

wherein the back face of the at least one notch is defined by bristles having varying lengths.

91. (Amended) The brush according to claim 84, wherein the elongate core defines an axis of the brush, and wherein a height of the front face of the at least one notch varies along the axis and a height of the back face of the at least one notch varies along the axis.

108. (Amended) The brush according to claim 84, wherein a cross-section of the brush is substantially rectangularly shaped.

109. (Amended) The brush according to claim 84, wherein a cross-section of the brush is substantially circularly shaped.

127. (Amended) A brush comprising:  
an elongate core [defining an axis of the brush];  
bristles extending from said core, ends of said bristles defining an external surface of the brush; and  
at least one notch on the external surface of the brush, the at least one notch comprising a front face and a back face, the back face being at least in part non-concave and asymmetric with respect to the front face,  
wherein the front and back faces of the at least one notch intersect one another at a trough line, the trough line extending in a direction non-perpendicular to the length of said elongate core, and  
wherein the back face of the at least one notch is defined by bristles having varying lengths.

134. (Amended) The brush according to claim 127, wherein the elongate core defines an axis of the brush, and wherein a height of the front face of the at least one notch varies along the axis and a height of the back face of the at least one notch varies along the axis.

151. (Amended) The brush according to claim 127, wherein a cross-section of the brush is substantially rectangularly shaped.

152. (Amended) The brush according to claim 127, wherein a cross-section of the brush is substantially circularly shaped.

170. (Amended) A brush comprising:

an elongate core [defining an axis of the brush];

bristles extending from said core, ends of said bristles defining an external surface of the brush, the ends of the longest of the bristles defining an envelope surface of the brush; and

at least one notch on the external surface of the brush, the at least one notch comprising a front face and a back face, the back face being non-concave and asymmetric with respect to the front face,

wherein the front and back faces of the at least one notch intersect one another at a trough line,

wherein an outer edge of the front face of one notch intersects with the envelope surface of the brush, and

wherein the back face of the one notch intersects with the envelope surface of the brush.

172. (Amended) The brush according to claim 170, wherein the elongate core defines an axis of the brush, and wherein a height of the front face of the at least one notch varies along the axis and a height of the back face of the at least one notch varies along the axis.

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201. (Amended) A brush comprising:

an elongate core [defining an axis of the brush];

bristles extending from said core, ends of said bristles defining an external surface of the brush[, the ends of the longest of the bristles defining an envelope surface of the brush]; and

at least two notches on the external surface of the brush, the at least two notches each comprising a front face, [and] a back face, and a trough line, the back face being non-concave and asymmetric with respect to the front face,

wherein the front and back faces of each of the at least two notches intersect one another at [a] the trough line,

wherein an outer edge of the front face of one notch intersects with the back face of a second notch, and

wherein the back face of the one notch intersects with an outer edge of the front face of another notch.

205. (Amended) The brush according to claim 201, wherein the elongate core defines an axis of the brush, and wherein a height of the front face of the at least two notches varies along the axis and a height of the back face of the at least two notches varies along the axis.

219. (Amended) The brush according to claim 201, wherein a cross-section of the brush is substantially rectangularly shaped.

220. (Amended) The brush according to claim 201, wherein a cross-section of the brush is substantially circularly shaped.

227. (Amended) The brush according to claim 201, wherein ends of the longest of the bristles define an envelope surface of the brush, and wherein the back face of at least one of the at least two notches is rounded and has a radius such that the back face is tangent to the envelope surface of the brush.

233. (Amended) A brush comprising:

an elongate core [defining an axis of the brush];

bristles extending from said core, ends of said bristles defining an external surface of the brush, the ends of the longest of the bristles defining an envelope surface of the brush; and

at least one notch on the external surface of the brush, the at least one notch comprising a front face and a back face, the back face being at least in part non-concave and asymmetric with respect to the front face,

wherein the front and back faces of the at least one notch intersect one another at a trough line, the trough line extending in a direction non-perpendicular to the length of said elongate core, and

wherein an outer edge of the front face of one notch intersects with the envelope surface of the brush, and

wherein the back face of the one notch intersects with the envelope surface of the brush.

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235. (Amended) The brush according to claim 233, wherein the elongate core defines an axis of the brush, and wherein a height of the front face of the at least one notch varies along the axis and a height of the back face of the at least one notch varies along the axis.

264. (Amended) A brush comprising:

an elongate core [defining an axis of the brush];

bristles extending from said core, ends of said bristles defining an external surface of the brush[, the ends of the longest of the bristles defining an envelope surface of the brush]; and

at least two notches on the external surface of the brush, the at least two notches each comprising a front face, [and] a back face, and a trough line, the back face being at least in part non-concave and asymmetric with respect to the front face,

wherein the front and back faces of each of the at least two notches intersect one another at [a] the trough line, the trough line extending in a direction non-perpendicular to the length of said elongate core, and

wherein an outer edge of the front face of one notch intersects with the back face of a second notch, and

wherein the back face of the one notch intersects with an outer edge of the front face of another notch.



268. (Amended) The brush according to claim 264, wherein the elongate core defines an axis of the brush, and wherein a height of the front face of the at least two notches varies along the axis and a height of the back face of the at least two notches varies along the axis.

282. (Amended) The brush according to claim 264, wherein a cross-section of the brush is substantially rectangularly shaped.

283. (Amended) The brush according to claim 264, wherein a cross-section of the brush is substantially circularly shaped.

290. (Amended) The brush according to claim 264, wherein ends of the longest of the bristles define an envelope surface of the brush, and wherein the back face of at least one of the at least two notches is rounded and has a radius such that the back face is tangent to the envelope surface of the brush.

305. (Amended) The brush according to claim 201, wherein ends of the longest of the bristles define an envelope surface of the brush, and wherein a cross-section of the envelope surface has a substantially circular shape.

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307. (Amended) The brush according to claim 264, wherein ends of the longest of the bristles define an envelope surface of the brush, and wherein a cross-section of the envelope surface has a substantially circular shape.

317. (Amended) The brush according to claim 201, wherein ends of the longest of the bristles define an envelope surface of the brush, and wherein at least a portion of the envelope surface has a substantially cylindrical shape.

319. (Amended) The brush according to claim 264, wherein ends of the longest of the bristles define an envelope surface of the brush, and wherein at least a portion of the envelope surface has a substantially cylindrical shape.

329. (Amended) The brush according to claim 201, wherein ends of the longest of the bristles define an envelope surface of the brush, and wherein at least a portion of the envelope surface has a substantially conical shape.

331. (Amended) The brush according to claim 264, wherein ends of the longest of the bristles define an envelope surface of the brush, and wherein at least a portion of the envelope surface has a substantially conical shape.